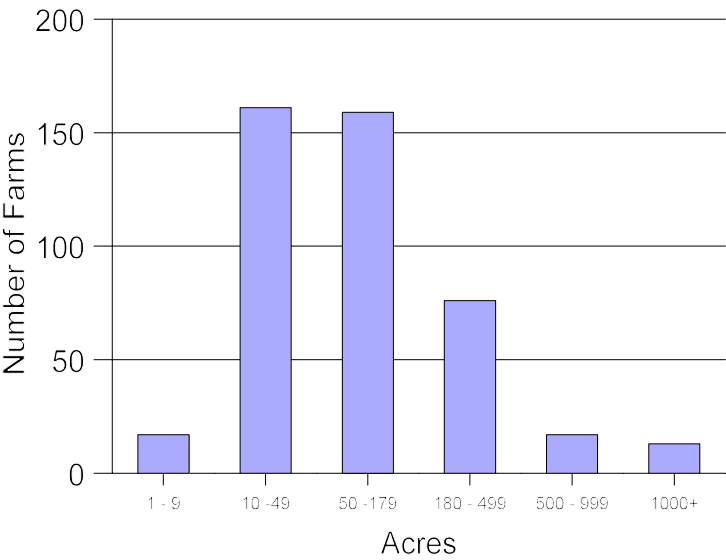
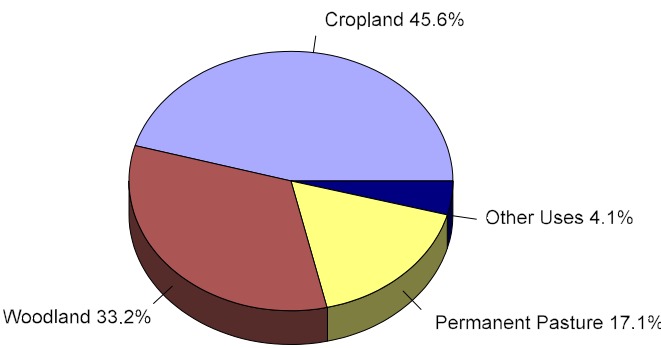


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	232
Other	211
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	329
Female	114
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	636
Black or African American	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	5
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.



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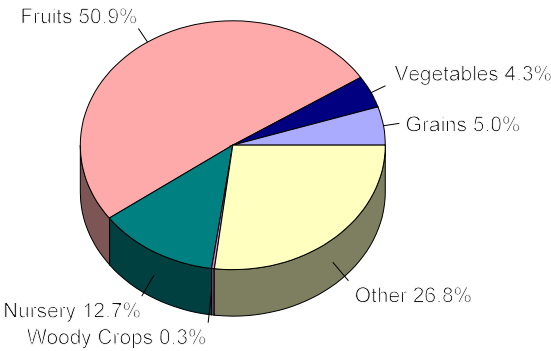
Rappahannock County is located in the northern part of the Piedmont Plateau. Formed in 1831 from part of Culpeper, the county was named after the Rappahannock River, which in turn derives its name from the Rappahannock Indians that formerly occupied the area.

The Blue Ridge Mountains form the western border of the county, and elevations there range up to 3,500 feet above sea level. In the lower areas, where most of the farms are found, elevations vary from 500 to 900 feet. Temperatures in the area average 34 degrees in January and 75 in July. The frost free growing season usually lasts roughly 180 days, and annual precipitation averages nearly 40 inches. More than half of the county is wooded, and part of the Shenandoah National Park is located in the area. The soils of Rappahannock are derived mostly from acid crystalline rock and are generally of good fertility.

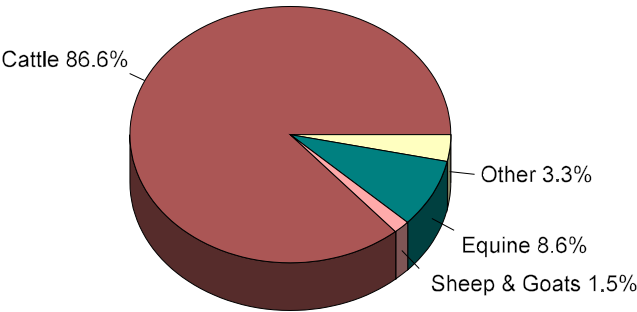
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	443	413
Land in Farms (acres)	78,483	76,226
Average size of farm	177	185
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$7,089,000	\$5,714,000
Average per farm	\$16,002	\$13,834
Government Payments	\$75,000	\$66,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	105	68	95	2,371	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	90	56	95	1,768	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,064	10	93	338	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	266	61	95	1,694	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	7	56	76	1,263	1,774
Other crops and hay	560	41	97	1,805	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7	57	94	2,085	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,325	36	97	1,637	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	76	18	93	986	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	428	17	94	485	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	142	8	87	728	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	17,548	35	97	1,579	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,098	34	96	1,326	2,983
Horses and ponies	849	32	97	1,501	3,065
All Goats	611	26	95	840	2,971
Deer	(D)	(D)	5	(D)	1,080
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,588	33	97	1,171	3,059
Apples	380	10	87	132	2,173
Corn for grain	318	76	96	2,098	2,592
Soybeans	305	60	79	1,740	2,076
Corn for silage	278	60	87	1,640	2,307

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	861	126,287	40	28,598	3,189	62,512	NA	NA	NA
1945	851	124,777	43	34,610	592	9,384	51,972	3,001	22,227
1950	687	112,837	72	22,710	2,786	10,676	42,098	3,905	26,134
1954	583	108,246	80	21,210	1,686	11,870	41,015	6,258	22,891
1959	479	103,177	107	19,805	2,025	9,915	37,605	6,754	23,713
1964	384	96,650	147	18,494	1,424	3,839	31,291	NA	NA
1969	276	87,928	304	15,450	2,669	17,437	22,490	5,000	16,419
1974 4/	257	76,633	642	14,741	1,036	15,049	15,569	NA	NA
1978	266	78,214	1,233	15,568	1,997	15,391	15,250	9,925	16,755
1982	313	87,434	1,207	18,958	564	15,834	18,136	7,962	22,229
1987	288	77,112	1,696	17,955	2,052	15,034	13,517	4,624	20,608
1992	312	78,977	2,921	17,515	1,704	16,585	13,461	5,861	21,721
1997 2/	413	76,223	3,154	18,434	1,789	17,578	13,233	3,817	18,953
2002	443	78,483	3,690	20,126	591	15,100	13,458	3,908	22,114

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